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Your Applicant, Pfizer Hospital Products Group, Inc. hereby appoints the firm Connolly and Hutz, and Rudolf E. Hutz, Reg. No. 22,397, and Robert G. McMorrow, Jr., Reg. No. 30,962, its attorneys in connection with the request for extension of patent term and associated proceedings relating to U.S. Patent No. 4,621,638, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

> Pfizer Hospital Products Group, Inc.

By: Gerald Senfor Vice President

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